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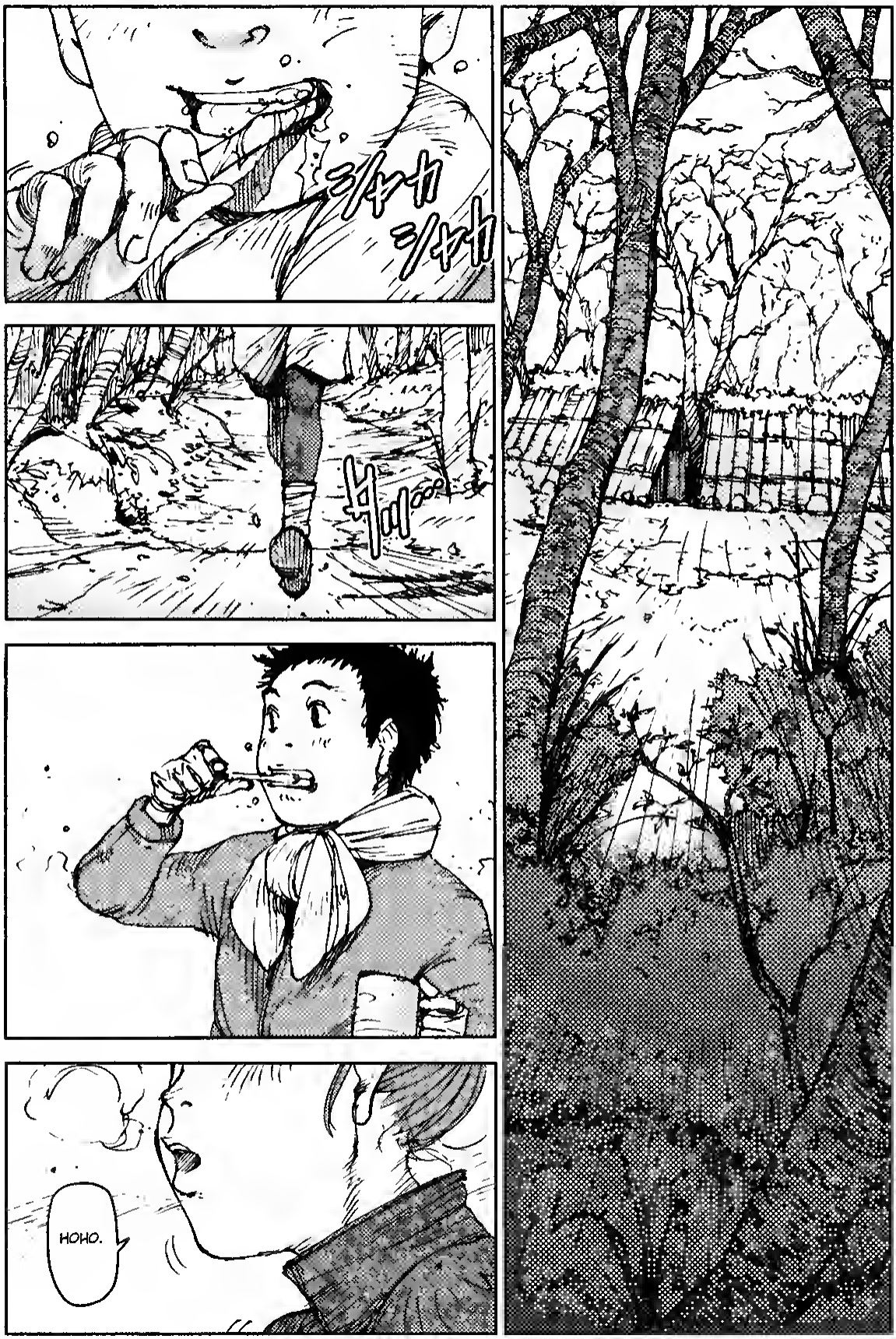

GOOD MORNING AKIKO-SAN.
MORNING SATORU-KUN.
HAAH, ALL FRESH NOW.
PEH.
NGH.
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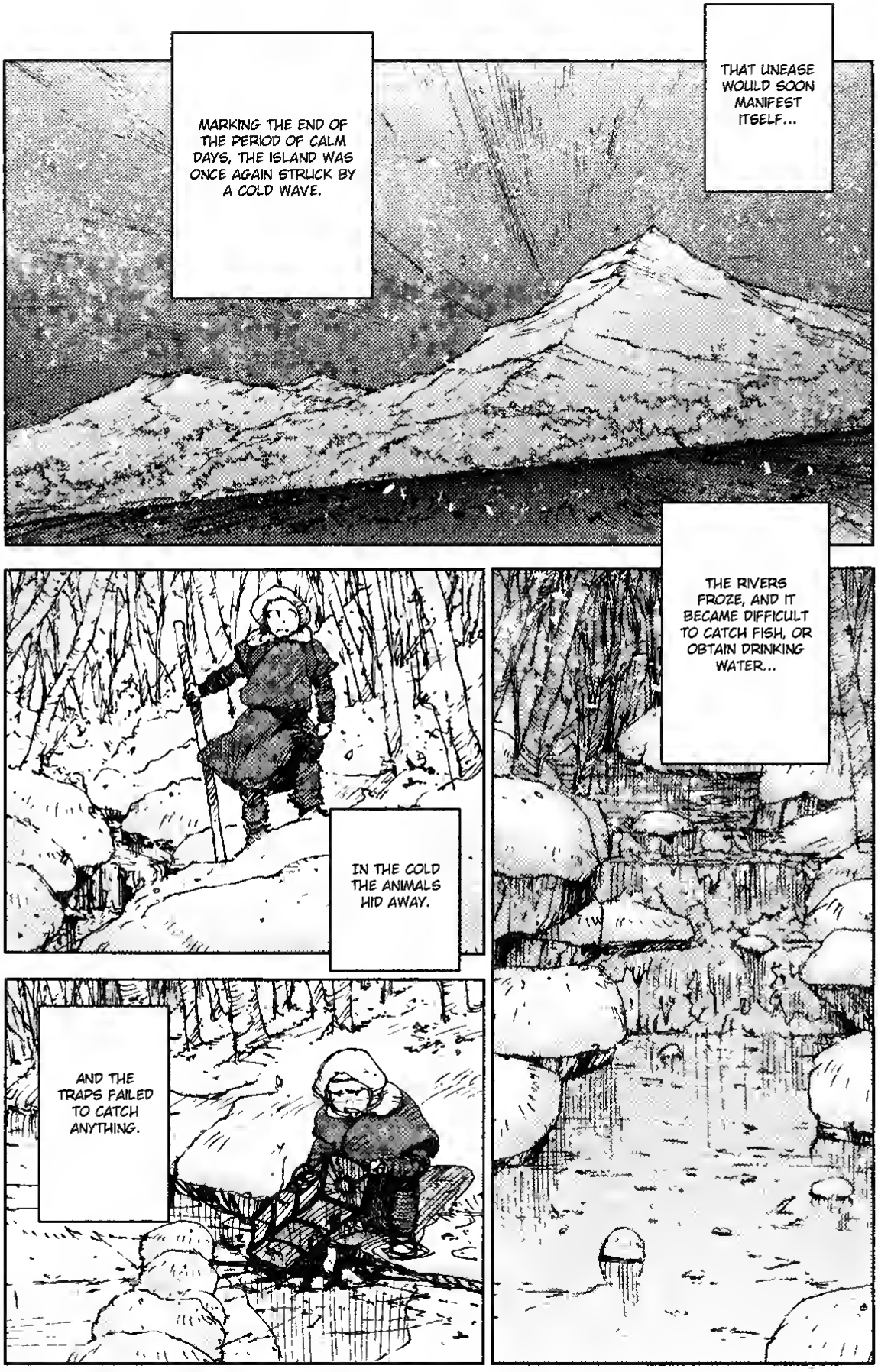
HOWEVER MINE HAD BEEN GETTING FAIRLY WORN DOWN...
SO IT FEELS REAL NICE HAVING A NEW TOOTH-BRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE.
EVEN IF I PLANNED TO STAY THE NIGHT IN THE MOUNTAINS, I'D BRING GENERAL AMENITIES WITH ME.
NO, NOT QUITE.
I TAKE IT YOU'D NOT BRUSHED YOUR TEETH IN A WHILE?

SO ALL THE NEW STUFF YOU'VE BROUGHT HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP, AKIKO-SAN.
THE SHORT ONES ESPECIALLY WERE PRETTY BAD.
I TRIED TO RELISE THEM AS MUCH AS I COULD, BUT THEY STILL ENDED UP BEING WORN OUT...
I HAD TWO T-SHIRTS, TROUSERS AND TOWELS...
THERE'S TWO DISASTER KITS.
MM.
YOU SHOULD THANK THE ORIGINAL OWNERS.
I FIGURED IT WAS RIGHT TO BRING SOME CLOTHES WITH ME.
AS WELL AS A FIRST AID KIT AND ALL SORTS OF OTHER THINGS.
RAINCOATS AND PACKING TAPE.
KNIVES AND ROPE.
MATCHES AND CANDLES.

WHAT'LL YOU DO SATORU-KUN? WANNA CHUCK YOUR OLD CLOTHES OUT?
EH?!
THEY REALLY ARE RAGGED.
WITH THEM WE MIGHT BE BE ABLE TO CHARGE IT A BIT FURTHER.
I IMAGINE YOU CAN SET THESE DRY BATTERIES IN THE RADIO TO CHARGE YOUR SMARTHPHONE TOO.
WELL THEY'RE A PEOPLE LONG ASSOCIATED WITH DISASTERS.
LOOKING AT ALL THIS SHOWS HOW AMAZING JAPAN WAS.
R... RIGHT...
GOT IT.
MY BAD...
HM?
AAH... NO... WE MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO USE THEM FOR SOMETHING!

SUCH WAS THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR DAILY LIVES...
THEY WERE LIKE MIDDLE SCHOOLER AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT.
EACH TIME THIS GAP SHOWED ITSELF, THE BOY FELT THE JOY OF THEIR MEETING TURN TO UNEASE.
ARGH... SNOW...
THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE PAST HALF A YEAR HAD BEEN TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
WHILE BOTH THE BOY AND THE GIRL HAD BEEN VICTIMS OF THE DISASTER...
WELL, I'LL GO MAKE SOME BREAKFAST THEN.
THOUGH THE THINGS THE GIRL HAD BROUGHT HAD HELPED TO GREATLY IMPROVE THE BOY'S LIFE...
THE GIRL DID NOT SEEM AS THOUGH...
SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR PRESENT LIFE.


MARKING THE END OF THE PERIOD OF CALM DAYS, THE ISLAND WAS ONCE AGAIN STRUCK BY A COLD WAVE.
THAT UNEASE WOULD SOON MANIFEST ITSELF...
IN THE COLD THE ANIMALS HID AWAY.
AND THE TRAPS FAILED TO CATCH ANYTHING.
THE RIVERS FROZE, AND IT BECAME DIFFICULT TO CATCH FISH, OR OBTAIN DRINKING WATER...

AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE PROVISIONS BROUGHT BY THE GIRL, THEIR LIVES MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN IN DANGER.
HE HADN'T ENOUGH FOR HIMSELF, LET ALONE TWO PEOPLE...
FOR THREE DAYS THE BOY CAUGHT NOTHING...
IT BROUGHT THE BOY NOTHING BUT FURTHER STRESS...
HOWEVER NOW IT WAS DIFFE-RENT...
AAH... RIGHT...
SEEING THE GIRL EATING THE FOOD, WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD...
THIS GOES REALLY WELL.
GOOD-NIGHT.
WELL, NIGHT NIGHT SATORU-KUN.
HAD BROUGHT HIM JOY AT FIRST... AND HELPED MOTIVATE HIS LIFE THERE.

GEEZ... SHE'S SO CAREFREE, SHE'S NO IDEA HOW HARD THINGS ARE HERE...
WHAT DO I DO. IF THE WEATHER STAYS LIKE THIS...
WE'LL EVENTUALLY RUN OUT OF THE STUFF SHE BROUGHT.
UH... UKUH... KANA... MAKI...
SORRY... I'M SORRY...
HM?
UH... UH... EVERYONE, I'M SORRY...
IF ONLY IT'D CLEAR UP TOMORROW...
IF IT DID, I IMAGINE WE COULD SORT SOMETHING OUT...
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING BY MYSELF...
FORGIVE ME...

AKIKO-SAN'S... BEEN ACTING FINE IN FRONT OF ME...
SHE COULDN'T BE CALM COULD SHE...
KUH...
WHAT AM I DOING...
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE BUT ME!
I'M A MAN!
I HAVE TO PROTECT HER!